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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN APPLICATION OF )  
WERNER OBRECHT ET AL ) GROUP NO: 1712  
SERIAL NO.: 09/981,045 ) EXAMINER: D. J. BUTTNER  
FILED: OCTOBER 16, 2001 ) RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 8  
TITLE: RUBBER GELS AND RUBBER )  
COMPOUNDS CONTAINING )  
PHENOLIC RESIN ADDUCTS )

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2002. A Petition for Extension of Time is being filed simultaneously herewith. The Examiner's rejections have been carefully considered, and in view of the remarks and claim amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of Claims 1-3 and 7-11 is courteously requested.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on

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Date

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Name of applicant, assignee or Registered Representative

Signature

April 3, 2003

Date